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SUBJECT: ARAFAT PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT

1. YASIR ARAFAT CAME TO KUWAIT JUN3 21 TO TALK TO PAKISTAN PRIMIN BHUTTO (SEPTEL). HE ALSO SAW THE KUWAITI AMIR, FONMIN, DEFMIN AND DEPPRIMIN, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. BEFORE DEPARTING ON JUNE 22, ARAFAT GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ARAB MILITARY PREPAREDNESS TO FACE THE THREAT OF "THE TERRORIST BEGIN" AND ASSERTED THAT THE PLO HAD ENCOURAGED A SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RECONCILIATION BECAUSE THE US WAS "FLOODING ISRAEL WITH ALL SORTS OF THE LATEST WEAPONS".

2. ARAFAT ALSO REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED JORDANIAN PRIMIN BADRAN'S PROPOSAL FOR A WEST BANK PLEBISCITE AS "INTERFERENCE IN PALESTINE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS".

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3. REGARDING US POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST, ARAFAT REPORTEDLY FAVORED PRESIDENT CARTER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NEED FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, BUT DESCRIBED AS "NEGATIVE" VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S RECENT STATEMENTS REGARDING THE DELAY OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB LANDS UNTIL THE ARABS AGREE TO PEACE.

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